



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 18, 2003

S. 220

A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Illinois

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 12, 2003*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 220 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 220 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reinstate the license and extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project (number 11214) in Carlyle, Illinois. Those provisions could have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the act would not affect direct spending or revenues.

CBO has transmitted two cost estimates for H.R. 397, which is identical to S. 220. The first was transmitted on February 3, 2003, for H.R. 397, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on January 29, 2003. The second cost estimate for H.R. 397 was transmitted on March 14, 2003, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 12, 2003. All of the cost estimates are identical.

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